

## **Bylaws of the Latin American Society for the History of Economic Thought, ALAHPE**

### **Article 1 – Name of Association**

The name of the Association shall be Latin American Society for the History of Economic Thought or “ALAHPE”.

### **Article 2 – Head office**

The association’s head office is located at Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, 14 Avenue Berthelot, 69007, Lyon. It can be transferred by simple decision of the Executive Committee.

### **Article 3 – Mission**

The Association is a non-profit academic organization dedicated to the pursuit of three main goals: (1) to promote teaching, research and the dissemination of knowledge about the history of economic thought and political economy in Latin America; (2) to encourage cooperation with other scientific organizations that share an interest in the history of economic thought and political economy; and (3) to foster communication and the exchange of ideas between professionals dedicated to the history of economic thought and political economy.

### **Article 4 – Languages**

The official languages of the Association are Spanish, Portuguese and English.

### **Article 5 – Membership**

§ 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to anyone subscribing to its mission.

§ 2. Membership shall be contingent on the payment of fees as stipulated by the executive committee. A member may resign by notification to the Secretary. There shall be no reimbursement of fees in case of resignation.

§ 3. Each individual member shall have the right to vote on the Business Meeting and in elections for officers. Voting at Business Meetings will be by a show of hands or secret ballot. Members may not vote by proxy. Each member is entitled to a single vote on all matters of the Business Meeting and elections for officers will occur electronically.

### **Article 6 – Officers**

§ 1. The governing body of the Association shall take the form of an Executive Committee consisting of 7 (seven) individuals, as follows: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and 3 (three) elected members of the Executive Committee.

§ 2. All officers must be members of the Association during their entire terms of office.

§ 3. The President shall be elected to a two-year term.

§ 4. The Vice-President shall serve a two-year term of office. The Vice-President shall be automatically nominated as a candidate in the next elections for President. The same member

may be elected Vice-President more than once, provided that at least 10 (ten) years have elapsed since that member last served as Vice-President or President.

§ 5. Under the extraordinary circumstances of the Association's foundation, a member can be elected or acclaimed President, without having first been elected as Vice-President, for a term of 2 years.

§ 6. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to a four-year term, and may subsequently be elected to up to a second term.

§ 7. The elected members of the executive committee shall serve three-year terms with one member elected each year.

§ 8. The terms of all elected officials shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> after the election.

§ 9. Under the extraordinary circumstances of the Association's foundation, the elected members of the executive committee will serve terms of three, two and one year, respectively. This decision will be based on the number of votes received by each elected candidate in the ballot. Elected members who have not served an entire three-year term will be exceptionally eligible for reelection.

#### **Article 7 – President**

§ 1. The President shall serve as chief officer of the Association. The duties of the President are (1) presiding at Executive Committee and Business Meetings of the Association, (2) nominating ad hoc committees once necessary, (3) introducing to the Executive committee possible organizers of Summer Schools (Article XIV) and (4) organizing the biannual meeting of the Association.

§ 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall acting in the place of the President in the event of a temporary absence or disability.

#### **Article 8 – Secretary**

The Secretary shall (1) keep records of Executive Committee and Business Meetings of the Association; (2) give and serve all notices of such meetings; (3) maintain all correspondence and documents of the Association; (4) administrate the election of officers; (5) manage all institutional relations with the society's membership

#### **Article 9 – Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep (1) complete and accurate accounts of all money received by the Association; (2) present a written report of the finances of the Association at each biannual meeting and (3) shall make a report whenever requested by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 10 – Trustees**

§ 1. Any past President of the Association shall be a Trustee of the Association.

§ 2. Trustees may attend and participate in Executive Committee Meetings as non-voting ex officio members and shall be entitled to receive communications regarding that meeting.

## **Article 11 –The Webmaster**

§ 2. The Webmaster shall be nominated by the President.

§ 2. The Webmaster shall maintain and improve the Association’s website and administer the Association’s e-mail list to better communicate with the members.

§ 3. The Webmaster shall perform their tasks under the supervision of the President.

§ 4. The Webmaster shall be a member of the Association, serve a four-year term of office, and may subsequently be nominated up to a second term.

## **Article 12 - Executive Committee**

§ 1. The voting members of the Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the elected members of the Executive Committee. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie. The nonvoting members are ex officio members: the Trustees of the Association and the Webmaster.

§ 2. Any officer of the Association may be removed from office upon a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, exclusive of the officer in question, or upon a two-thirds vote confirmed by a Membership vote.

§ 3. The presence of more than one-half of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

§ 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held electronically, and individual members may attend any meeting through electronic means.

§ 5. The Executive Committee may adopt its own rules of order by a two-thirds majority, except where countermanded by these Bylaws.

§ 6. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall take place at least once a year.

## **Article 13 – Business Meeting**

§ 1. There shall be one regular biannual Business Meeting of the Association during the biannual Conference.

§ 2. All members shall be notified of the time and place of the biannual Business Meeting. The members present at the Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

§ 3. At the Business Meeting, the President shall make their report and the Secretary shall announce the results of the election of the officers of the Association. Members shall be permitted to question the President regarding their report and raise and discuss any matters relating to the Association.

§ 4. At the Business Meeting, the Treasurer shall make their report. Members shall be permitted to question the Treasurer about their report.

## **Article 14 – Biannual Conference**

§ 1. The President shall organize the biannual Conference of the Association (Article VI, Section 1).

§ 2. The President shall invite members to compose the Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee of the biannual Conference of the Association.

§ 3. The President shall demand from the Secretary a call for nominations to the Subercaseux Lecture.

§ 4. The Webmaster shall assist the President in making electronic information about the biannual Conference of the Association available.

#### **Article 15 – The Subercaseux Lecture**

§ 1. The Subercaseux Lecture shall be delivered in recognition of outstanding scholarship about Latin American Economics and/or teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge related to the history of economic thought or political economy in Latin America.

§ 2. The Secretary shall inform the membership that a call for nominations for the Subercaseux Lecture is open at least nine months before the biannual Conference of the Association.

§ 2. The Secretary shall collect suggested nominations for the Subercaseux Lecture from the membership. After the call for nominations is closed, the Secretary shall inform the Executive Committee about the names suggested by the Membership.

§ 3. The Executive Committee shall decide the Subercaseux Lecture, from the suggested nominations, at least six months before the biannual Conference.

#### **Article 16 – Summer School**

§ 1. At their own discretion, the President can suggest an organizer or organizing team to a Summer School. Any members who would like to organize a Summer School can approach the President and offer their service.

§ 2. The President shall introduce the plans for a Summer School to the Executive Committee. The latter shall discuss and decide whether the Summer School will occur.

#### **Article 17 – Nominations and elections**

§ 1. The Secretary shall inform the immediate Past President that terms of officers will end at least six months in advance. In case of vacancy, the immediate Past President shall be notified immediately.

§ 2. Members can suggest nominations for officers and the immediate Past President can solicit suggestions and consult with any members they wish to identify potential nominees. The immediate Past President can open a call for nominations. All nominees shall be members of the Association.

§ 3. Suggested nominations for any office will be subjected to voting by the membership. Elections shall be conducted electronically by the Secretary with the Webmaster's assistance.

§ 4. Majorities of the total number of votes shall determine the result of elections.

#### **Article 18 – Amendments**

§ 1. The Executive Committee may propose amendments to these Bylaws.

§ 2. A petition signed by 20% (twenty percent) or more members of the Association proposing amendments shall be accepted and reviewed by the Executive Committee at its next meeting and transmitted to the Membership with a positive or negative recommendation.

§ 3. The Membership shall be informed electronically by the Secretary of the proposed amendments at least two months before the next Business Meeting. Discussion of proposed amendments shall be an item on the agenda of the Business Meeting.

§ 4. A constitutional amendment requires the approval of two-thirds of the Membership actually casting votes in the electronic ballot.

#### **Article 19 – Member expulsions**

Membership can be lost by (1) resignation, (2) death or (3) expulsion decided by the Executive Committee due to non-payment of membership fee or for serious reason, the member being previously invited to explain themselves in a letter.