

# Bylaws of the Sri Lanka Chapter of the Internet Society

## Article I. - Name

- 1. This organization shall be called Sri Lanka Chapter of the Internet Society**

## Article II. - Purpose

- 1. Sri Lanka Chapter of the Internet Society serves the Society's purposes by serving the interests of a segment of the global Internet community through a local presence; focus on local issues and developments, and use of local languages. The general purposes and scope of the chapter are as follows:**
  - a) Popularization of Internet in Sri Lanka.
  - b) Facilitation of research into Localization as well as to promote creation of local content in Sinhala and Tamil on the Internet.
  - c) To facilitate research into last mile connectivity to Internet in rural areas in Sri Lanka and to conduct training and awareness workshops in network connectivity in rural areas in Sri Lanka.
  - d) To promote closer interaction among ISOC chapter members.
  - e) To liaise with other organizations with similar interest.
  - f) To create awareness and dialog on Broadband and Internet connectivity issues in Sri Lanka as well as to play an advisory role to government bodies which are involved in creating standards on Internet connectivity and Broadband standards in Sri Lanka.
  - g) To create awareness and facilitation of Information and Communication Technology professionals and organizations in Sri Lanka to participate in global bodies/groups such as Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).
  - h) To promote new standards, Internet technologies and implementation of protocols such as IPV6 while advising government of Sri Lanka to formulate policies on adverse impact of Internet such as child phonography, Internet fraud etc without harming citizens' right to access and publish content on the Internet.
  - i) To promote use of International Domain names of Sri Lanka: Lanka and llangai.
  - j) This Chapter will serve persons who live or work in **the country of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**
  - k) **This Chapter is chartered by the Internet Society. These bylaws neither supersede nor abrogate any of the Bylaws of the Internet Society that regulate chapter affairs.**
    - l) **This Chapter shall be established as a not for profit organization under the laws of the country of Sri Lanka.**

### Article III. - Membership

1. All members of a chapter shall also be members of the Internet Society (ISOC). Membership is not necessary, however, for participation in activities of the society or its chapters.
2. There shall be two class of members: Organizational members and Individual members
3. All individuals and organizations falling within the defined scope of the chapter shall be eligible for membership without discrimination.
4. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all ISOC members in the Sri Lanka served by the Chapter upon request and payment of any local dues, as determined by the Executive Committee.
5. Student membership shall be open to all full-time students; student membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Council, but shall not exceed 75 percent of regular member dues.

### Article IV. - Officers

1. The officers of this Chapter shall be: Executive President, two Vice Presidents: Executive Vice President and Administrative Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers shall be elected at the annual Election (or Business) meeting. They shall take office on immediately upon election and serve until their successor is elected. In case of any resignations, Executive Council will decide whether election by holding an extraordinary meeting is necessary. If so, the officer(s) so elected will serve only till regular annual Election meeting is held.
3. The officer(s) cannot serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office.

### Article V. - Duties of Officers

1. The Executive President is the principal officer and is responsible for leading the Chapters and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Internet Society and these bylaws. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Chapter and of its Executive Council. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the President shall appoint all members of committees of this chapter and all Committee chairmen.
2. The Executive Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Council meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include:
  - A. Preparation of the Annual Chapter Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election Meeting.
  - B. Preparation of the Chapter's Activity Report and submission of this report to ISOC Headquarters.

- C. Other duties of the Secretary include: compliance with reporting requirements and minimum performance standards (as detailed in the Affiliation Agreement) from the Internet Society as appropriate.
4. The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. Duties of the Treasurer shall also include:
  - A. Preparation of the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election meeting.
  - B. Completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report to ISOC Headquarters.
  - C. Other duties of the Treasurer include: compliance with reporting requirements and minimum performance standards (as detailed in the Affiliation Agreement) from the Internet Society as appropriate.

#### Article VI. - Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the present Chapter officers, the immediate Past President, the chairmen of the Chapter's standing committees and up to **Nine** Members-at-Large.
2. The term of the members of the Council shall coincide with the terms of the officers. They shall take office on immediately upon election and serve for one year.

#### Article VII. - Standing Committees

1. The permanent Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be Program and Membership committees.
2. The Program Committee shall plan and make arrangements for the technical programs of the Chapter's meetings in accordance with the membership's interests and the aims of the Chapter as set forth in Article II.
3. The membership committee shall screen all membership and decide upon them.

#### Article VIII. - Temporary Committees

1. With the advice of the Chapter Executive Council, the President may appoint such temporary committees as appropriate.
2. A Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three members of this Chapter, at least two of whom shall not be members of the Executive Council, shall be appointed by the Chapter President at least two months prior to the Election meeting.
3. An Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Chapter President at the close of the fiscal year to assure the accuracy of the accounting of the Chapter's funds for the year. This Committee should also verify the accuracy of the Financial Report prepared by the Treasurer for submission to ISOC.

### Article IX. - Meetings

1. The Chapter shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of the Society. Meetings shall be held as planned by the Program Committee.
2. The Annual Business meeting shall be held at the last meeting of the program year (1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March). At this meeting, the Secretary and Treasurer each shall present a report. Also, the election of officers shall be held.
3. Notices of the place and time of all meetings shall be distributed to all members at least one week prior to any meeting, by Internet mail or by oral, telegraphic, or other written notice, duly served on or mailed.

### Article X. - Disbursements and Dues

1. Disbursements from the Treasury for Chapter expenditures shall be made by the Treasurer with authorization of the Executive Council and shall be included in the minutes of its meetings.
2. Dues shall be fixed annually by the Executive Council.

### Article XI. - Amendment and Voting Procedures

1. All proposed changes to these Chapter Bylaws shall have been approved by the ISOC Membership Team before being presented to the Chapter membership for a vote.
2. No official business of the Chapter shall be conducted unless a quorum of the Chapter is present.
3. A quorum of the Chapter shall be defined as **one fifth** of the voting membership of the Chapter or **at least 10** members, whichever is greater.
4. A simple majority of the members present and voting shall be required to carry a motion.
5. To vote on the Bylaws, the Chapter should have a quorum of one half of the members present and the action will be passed by a plurality of affirmative votes majority of those voting yea or nay.
6. Officers will be elected by a plurality of votes cast. If the election is conducted by mail ballot, sufficient ballots must be returned to have constituted a quorum.

### Article XII. - Dissolution of the Chapter

1. Dissolution of this Chapter by consent of the members shall consist of unanimous agreement of all its officers together with a majority vote at a meeting which has been publicized in advance to all members of the Chapter for the purpose of taking this vote.
2. Should this Chapter be dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to a not- for-profit **organization promoting Internet in Sri Lanka under the guidance of Internet Society.**

## Amendments to the By Laws of the Sri Lanka Chapter of the Internet Society

### Article XIII - Amended

#### 1. Board of Trustees

There shall be a board of trustees which shall consist of its past presidents and the present executive president.

#### 2. Role of Board of Trustees

The role of the said board of trustees shall be to guide the chapter, and they shall also act as the board of directors if and when the society is decided to be incorporated.

#### 3. The number of Members and their Term

The number of trustees shall vary depending upon the availability of those past presidents and the term of a board of trustees shall be for a term of three years.

Those who had represented at the immediate board of trustees may decide to step down either during their term of office or after the third year.

Minimum number shall be three with the Present Executive President

The convener of the board of trustees shall be the executive secretary of the chapter.

Secretary shall only be a convener, not a voting member of the Board of Trustees, Also acts as rapporteur

#### 4. Duties of the Board of Trustees

The board of trustees shall meet at least every three months.

Matters pertaining to policies of the chapter shall be referred to the board of trustees and shall be considered prior to the implementation by the executive committee of ISOC Sri Lanka Chapter

Board of trustees may call a Special General Meeting of the society by a unanimous decision by the Board of Trustees