

# **Constitution and Rules for the Australian Pattern Recognition Society**

## **A. Objectives**

The Australian Pattern Recognition Society (APRS) is a non-profit national organisation with the following objectives:

- A1. to stimulate Australian interest in pattern recognition, image analysis and computer vision;
- A2. to promote contact, amongst researchers, practitioners and organisations in these areas;
- A3. to offer membership to individuals and organisations involved in activities in these areas;
- A4. to organise and promote activities among members and interested parties in these areas;
- A5. to encourage public and commercial awareness of Australian activities in these areas;
- A6. to encourage support and resources for research and development effort in these areas;
- A7. to provide contact with and affiliation to the IAPR for the general benefit of members;
- A8. to seek contact with other professional organisations with related interests when appropriate;
- A9. to organise regular meetings, lectures, displays, workshops and conferences for members;
- A10. to produce and distribute a newsletter for members informing them of APRS activities.

## **B. Committee**

The executive committee shall be responsible for the operations of the APRS and shall meet at least annually to do so, with quorum of 4 of which at least 2 shall be officers as defined in sections B1 to B5. There shall be at least 5 officers of the committee at all times. Out of the 5 positions defined in sections B1 to B5 up to 3 positions may be filled from within one (1) State or Territory. The committee members shall have the following nominal responsibilities:

- B1. President: chair meeting, represent and speak for APRS, promote sponsorship of APRS, maintain committee of APRS, report to members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM);
- B2. Vice-President: deputise for the President, organise activities of APRS, publicise APRS;
- B3. Treasurer: control finances of APRS, collect subscriptions, promote sponsorship of APRS, report to members at AGM;
- B4. Secretary: record meetings of the committee, control correspondence of APRS; provide membership information and receive applications;
- B5. Editor: control newsletter of APRS, produce publicity material for APRS;
- B6. No portfolio (up to 4 positions): undertake special tasks defined by APRS committee, liaise with APRS members, and serve on subcommittees of APRS.

The committee may make any decisions related to the operations and objectives of the APRS except in contradiction of the constitution, by a simple majority vote of committee members present in person. The committee may set up subcommittees of APRS to undertake specific tasks. At least one committee member must be a member of any such committee. The committee

may appoint APRS members to fill any vacant offices or to serve without portfolio on the committee or to serve on subcommittees of APRS. Except for the foundation committee, all officers of the committee will be elected biennially as described in section D of the constitution.

### **C. Activities**

The APRS shall organise the following activities, amongst others:

- C1. Seminar or lecture meetings on a local or national scale intended for all or some section of members;
- C2. At least one national conference or workshop meeting per year, intended for all members;
- C3. General meetings as described in section D of the constitution;
- C4. Circulation of at least one newsletter per year, giving details of intended meetings.

### **D. General Meetings**

The APRS committee must call a general meeting of the APRS, of which all APRS members are notified at least 1 month prior to the meeting date, under the following circumstances:

- D1. In the second half of each year, the AGM must be held;
- D2. At the request of the committee or at the written request of 10 members or 10% of all APRS members (whichever is greater) a Special General Meeting (SGM) must be held.

The AGM will be held during a national meeting of the APRS as describes in section C2. At a AGM the President will report on the APRS activities of the past year; the Treasurer will deliver a financial statement for the past year; in odd numbered years, committee members will be elected for the forthcoming two years and any general business will be conducted. The minutes for the previous AGM and any SGMs since then, and the agenda for the forthcoming AGM, must be circulated to members at least 1 month prior to the meeting date. APRS members nominating for committee positions must have a proposer and a seconder who both are current APRS members.

At an SGM only matters pertinent to the calling of the SGM will be discussed. Any motion to be considered at the SGM must be circulated with the notice of meeting, stating the names of a proposer and a seconder who are both current APRS members.

At an AGM or a SGM decisions may be made by a simple majority vote of members present in person except where a change to the constitution is intended, in which case a 2/3 majority vote of members present in person is required. A quorum at a BGM is the same as for an APRS committee meeting. A quorum at a SGM is 20 members or 20% of all APRS members (whichever is greater).

### **E. Membership**

Membership of APRS is open to all individuals or organisations, without regard to qualification or circumstances, provided they apply for membership in writing to the Secretary and meet the

financial obligations of their chosen category of membership. There shall be four categories of membership with the following conditions:

- E1. Individual Member: fee \$30 pa;
- E2. Student Member fee \$15 pa, must be full-time student of a tertiary institution and certified as such by a department head;
- E3. Corporate Member: fee \$100 pa; receive a free copy of any proceedings or communications produced for all APRS meetings;
- E4. Sponsorship Member: fee \$1000 pa, must be an organisation or section thereof (not an individual), receive Corporate Member benefit and named acknowledgment on all APRS letterheads and publications.

Membership operates from January to December; applications for membership in sections E1, E2 and E3 will be accepted from June at half the prescribed fee, Individual membership fees for the following year will be included in the fee to attend the meeting at which the AGM is held. Members in all categories may be expelled from the APRS by unanimous vote of the committee as penalty for actions in contravention of the objectives of the APRS.

## **F. Incorporation**

At the 1993 Annual General Meeting the motion to incorporate APRS was carried and the committee was empowered to take the necessary steps to accomplish this task in due course.

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