Constitution of IAARSO

The founding document: name, objects, membership, governance, elections and amendments. | 2024 edition

Article 1 - Name and registered office

The organisation shall be called the Indian Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (IAARSO). Its registered office is in New Delhi, or at such other place in India as the Board of Directors may decide.

Article 2 - Objects

IAARSO is a not-for-profit professional association. Its objects are:

1. To advance the safety of amusement rides, amusement devices and water-park attractions in India through "Safety Through Communication".
2. To certify the competence of ride inspectors, ride operators and aquatic operators through fair, independent examinations.
3. To promote the adoption of IS 15475 (Parts 1-6), IS 15492 and internationally recognised standards such as ISO 17842 and ASTM F24.
4. To educate members and the public through seminars, outreach programmes, online training and published safety bulletins.
5. To share information with Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), manufacturers, operators and insurers.

Article 3 - Membership

Membership is open to any person involved in, or concerned with, amusement ride safety. Categories of membership, fees and privileges are set out in the Bylaws. Every holder of an IAARSO certification must maintain active membership for the certification to remain in good standing.

Article 4 - Governance

The affairs of IAARSO are managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and the chairpersons of the standing committees. The Executive Director, appointed by the Board, manages day-to-day operations.

Article 5 - Standing committees

- Certification
- Education
- Codes & Standards
- Constitution, Ethics & Bylaws
- Budget & Audit

- Membership
- Parks, Melas & Expositions
- Employee Safety
- Standards Liaison
- Public Relations & Social Media

Article 6 - Elections and terms

Officers and committee chairpersons are elected by members in good standing for two-year terms. No person may hold the same elected office for more than two consecutive terms. Election guidelines are issued by the Constitution & Ethics Committee at least ninety days before each election.

Article 7 - Meetings

An Annual General Meeting is held during the Annual Safety Seminar. The Board meets at least four times a year, in person or online. A quorum is one-half of the Board members plus one.

Article 8 - Finance

The financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Accounts are audited annually by a chartered accountant appointed by the Board and presented at the Annual General Meeting. No part of IAARSO's income or property may be distributed to members.

Article 9 - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members voting, on a proposal circulated to all members at least thirty days before the vote.