

**INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PHONETICS AND LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION**  
**FOUNDING ARTICLES**  
**CREATED 1991, UPDATED 2016**

**ABSTRACT**

Establishes the membership and organisational structure for the International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association

**ARTICLE I: NAME, MISSION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**Section 1: Name**

The name of the organisation is the **International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association**

**Section 2: Mission**

The International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association (hereafter referred to as **ICPLA**), established in 1991, is a non-profit-making international organization devoted to the study of phonetics and linguistics in relation to disordered speech and language. Specifically its mission is to:

- A** Stimulate thought and research in the area already delineated.
- B** Facilitate interaction and communication between researchers and clinicians.
- C** Organise regular meetings/conferences both nationally and internationally on relevant topics in clinical phonetics and linguistics

**Section 3: Guiding Principles**

- A** ICPLA shall strive to be international but the national interests of linguists and phoneticians in any one country must also be recognised. Membership of the Executive Board should represent more than one country.
- B** ICPLA shall provide a forum for all points of view that are consistent with the mission of ICPLA.
- C** All individuals engaged in research, clinical practice, or in any other activity consistent with the mission of ICPLA, are eligible for membership in ICPLA.
- D** ICPLA shall encourage the expression of varying points of view with respect to theoretical or debatable issues within the remit of ICPLA.

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP, DUES**

**Section 1: Membership**

In keeping with the guiding principles of ICPLA, individuals engaged in research, clinical practice, or in any other activity consistent with the mission of ICPLA are eligible for membership.

**Section 2: Membership Dues**

Membership in ICPLA is free of charge. Membership is obtained through attending the ICPLA conference, or through contacting the secretary. Members of ICPLA may obtain an individual subscription to the journal ***Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics*** through contacting the publisher Taylor & Francis (see the information on the website under the “subscribe” tab).

**Section 3: Awards**

The Executive Board can acknowledge members’ outstanding service to ICPLA by awarding them Honours of ICPLA, or declaring them a Life Member, or Fellow of ICPLA.

## ARTICLE III: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

### Section 1: Executive Board, Composition and Remit

- A The Executive Board:** This is the governing body of ICPLA, elected by its membership.
- B Composition:** The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of ICPLA and, in an ex-officio capacity, the editor and associate editor of *Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics*.
- C Remit:** The Executive Board shall be the management body for ICPLA with the power to appoint chairs of ICPLA's standing committees (who become members of ICPLA's Executive Board), to establish remits for the standing committees, to schedule meetings of ICPLA, and to conduct affairs of ICPLA in keeping with its Founding Articles and policies adopted by ICPLA's Executive Board.

### Section 2: Other Committees

- A** Other committees may be established at any time by action of the Executive Board.

These committees may include those which specifically represent the interests, for example, of teachers of linguistics and phonetics and speech/language pathologists/therapists. These committees will establish their own aims and activities.

## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, TERMS, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS

### Section 1: Officers and responsibilities

- A President:** Serves as chief executive officer for ICPLA, establishes agendas and conducts meetings of the Executive Board and membership; appoints, with Executive Board approval, committee chairs.
- B Vice President:** Performs the duties of the President in the President's absence; assumes the office of President should a vacancy occur in that office; serves as a member of the Executive Board; and assists the President as directed.
- C Treasurer:** Serves as the ICPLA's chief financial officer; prepares financial statements for ICPLA Executive Board; serves as a member of the Executive Board.
- D Secretary/Web manager:** maintains records and archives of ICPLA; maintains the official ICPLA web page; prepares minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and membership; serves as a member of the Executive Board.
- E Editors/associate editors of *Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics*:** selects one ex officio member of the Executive Board.

### Section 2: Terms

Terms of office for all elected officers of ICPLA will be from conference to conference for every second conference. Individuals may be elected to serve more than once in any of ICPLA's offices. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary/Web manager may be held by one person.

### **Section 3: Nominations**

Nominees for the elected offices of ICPLA (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary/Web manager) must be members of ICPLA and must be communicated to the Executive Board.

### **Section 4: Elections**

Elections for executive Officers of ICPLA will be at the business meeting of the association at every second ICPLA conference.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

There shall be at least one membership meeting every two years, usually in association with a conference. The Executive Board will meet as appropriate. As the membership of this Board is international it is anticipated that the Executive Board may only meet face to face at ICPLA conferences. However, meetings of the Executive Board may be held through the use of online video/audio conference facilities.

## **ARTICLE VI: ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS**

**Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics** is the official journal of the association and, so long as the relationship between ICPLA and Taylor & Francis is maintained, the following imprint will appear on the cover and front matter of Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics: "Official Journal of the International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association".

## **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

The founding articles may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those ICPLA members voting.

## **ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION**

ICPLA may be dissolved by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board. Such dissolution shall become effective only after notice of such action has been transmitted to members and a majority of the membership does object in writing within (90) days following transmittal of the notice to dissolve.

Any funds remaining in ICPLA's account after dissolution would be donated to a relevant charity.

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