CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
OF SUGARCANE TECHNOLOGISTS

ARTICLE I — NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. The name of this Society shall be the International Society of Sugarcane Technologists.

Section 2. The objects of this Society shall be to promote the discussions of the technical problems of the sugarcane industry in both field and factory, by means of Congresses held as far as practicable every three years, to foster at all times the free and frank interchange of technical information by medium of publications or other means, and to support worthy research projects designed for the benefit of all when approved by the majority of the members present at Congress meetings. Voting on such projects shall be as set out in Article VIII, Section 2.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Society is divided into two classes. In the first class, membership is open to any person who is contributing or has contributed to the progress of the sugarcane industry in any country. In the second class, membership without voting rights is open to libraries, research institutions, companies, firms, organizations and other bodies which may desire to support the objects of the Society and to obtain its Proceedings. Dues for the second class shall be the same as for the first class. Extra copies of the Proceedings shall be available to both classes of members at the same price as dues.

Section 2. Except as provided in Article III Section 2 membership shall be obtained by application, accompanied by the necessary dues, to any Regional Vice Chairman of this Society. The forwarding of the applicant’s name, address and dues to the General Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute election to this society.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the dues from the person or party elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, the General Secretary-Treasurer shall forward to him a certificate of membership, and he shall thereupon become a member.

Section 4. Any member may be deprived of membership for non-payment of dues or for other reasons by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Society. (Amended). The Society may form a class of Life Members who shall not be required to pay dues and who shall have full status; Life Members shall be deemed to be fully paid-up members at all times. The Life Members shall be limited to a number not in excess of twenty and shall be selected from such present or past members of the ISSCT who have made outstanding contributions to the International Society. Selection of Life Members shall be made by the Administrative Committee and shall be announced during the final Plenary Session of a Congress. Life Members so elected shall be notified by the General Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE III — REPRESENTATIONS IN SUGAR COUNTRIES

Section 1. The Society shall consist of a number of Regional Divisions, one being formed for each sugar-producing country or centre which is represented
in the Society by at least five members. In countries or centres where there is not the requisite number for the formation of a regional division, membership may be obtained by application to the Regional Vice-Chairman of any established regional division. Approval of the Executive Committee shall be necessary for the formation of a new regional division.

Section 2. Upon application to and with the approval of the Executive Committee of this Society local associations of sugarcane technologists may constitute the regional division of the Society, and members of the local association will ipso facto become members of the International Society of Sugarcane Technologists upon payment of the requisite dues as set forth hereunder to the Regional Vice-Chairman of the International Society for his transmittal to the General Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a General Chairman, a General Vice-Chairman, a Regional Vice-Chairman for each Regional Division, and a General Secretary-Treasurer, the last named to be resident in the country of the subsequent Congress.

Section 2. At the last business session of each regular meeting, elections shall be held for the general officers, to serve from the adjournment of that meeting until the adjournment of the subsequent regular meeting of the Society.

Section 3. The General Chairman, General Vice-Chairman and General Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the Society by nomination and on oral vote of members present. In event of two or more nominations for each office, election shall be by a plurality of votes of members present and voting. Voting shall be in accordance with Article VIII Section 2.

Section 4. In event of an office falling vacant through death, resignation or other causes, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancy, and the surviving members of either the Executive Committee or Administrative Committees may continue to function notwithstanding any vacancy in any office. Any office may by a majority vote of the Executive Committee be declared vacant, but vacancies in regional division Vice-Chairman should only be filled by recommendations of the members of that regional division.

Section 5. A Regional Vice-Chairman shall be elected by each of the various regional divisions within 12 months after each Congress and the retiring Regional Vice-Chairman (who shall be eligible for re-election) shall forthwith notify the General Chairman of the result of such election. In the event of no appointment being made in the terms of this clause, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the vacancy as set forth in Section 4 above. The procedure of election shall be decided by the individual regional divisions.

It will be the prerogative of each regional division to elect any other officers that are deemed necessary.

Section 6. The General Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Society, perform other duties provided for in this constitution and carry out such functions as usually pertain to the chief officer of such a Society.

Section 7. The General Vice-Chairman shall in general assist and co-operate with the General Chairman and General Secretary-Treasurer in their duties. He shall preside at the Meetings of the Society in the absence of the General Chairman.
Section 8. The Regional Vice-Chairmen shall approve nominees for membership in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, and shall in general represent the Society in the country in which they reside. They shall be responsible for the collection of dues of the members in their regional division and their remission to the General Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9. The General Secretary-Treasurer shall notify members of meetings to be held, and execute such duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary. He shall act as custodian of all current documents, and at the conclusion of his term of office shall forward to the Custodian of Records all such documents and letters as are required for the permanent records of the Society. He shall receive the funds of the Society, keep a detailed account of receipts and expenditures and render a written report at each regular meeting. He shall initiate the work of the Organizing Committee of the Congress and generally assist it. He shall collect and transmit the reports on the Organizing Committee's progress to the subsequent Organizing Committee through the new General Secretary-Treasurer. He shall keep a file of these until the subsequent General Secretary-Treasurer is elected.

Section 10. The past General Secretary-Treasurer shall within two months after the publication of the Proceedings of the Congress for which he was General Secretary-Treasurer, and in any case not later than 12 months from the conclusion of such Congress, remit to his successor a statement of receipts and expenditure certified as directed by the General Chairman, and the said statement shall be published in the record of Proceedings of the following Congress. The past General Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit to his successor in office a sum of 500,00 dollars US currency, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the next Congress shall be held. The balance of any funds held by the past General Secretary-Treasurer in excess of this sum, shall be made available to the body which has been responsible for the production of the Proceedings of the immediate past Congress as a contribution towards printing costs. Any funds not required for use as contribution toward printing costs shall be remitted by the past General Secretary-Treasurer to the Trustee or Trustees as the Executive Committee shall direct. The General Secretary-Treasurer shall see that 25 copies of the Proceedings of his Congress shall be held for sale by the Custodian and moneys from their sale placed in the hands of the Trustee for the Society.

ARTICLE V — ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. An Executive Committee shall be formed consisting of the General Chairman, General Vice-Chairman and General Secretary-Treasurer, who shall direct the policies of the Society as charged by members in general meetings.

Section 2. An Administrative Committee shall be formed consisting of the General Chairman, General Vice-Chairman, Regional Vice-Chairmen and the General Secretary-Treasurer. The General Chairman shall be presiding officer of the Committee. This Committee shall be called together at the time of a general meeting for general decisions on Society business and resolutions to the Congress in its final business meeting. It shall be their duty to review the work of standing committees and determine whether they should be continued or altered and make recommendations to the Congress.

Section 3. A Trustee or Trustees and a General Property Custodian, which can
be one and the same party, shall be elected to hold the funds and records of the Society until changed by membership vote at any Congress after recommendation by the Administrative Committee.

Section 4. The duties of the Trustee or Trustees shall be to hold the funds of the Society in trust and/or invest the same as directed by the Executive Committee in approved trust securities. He or they shall make available to the General Secretary-Treasurer or those designated to handle approved projects, such sums as from time to time the Society at a regular meeting shall direct. At the 30th June each year he or they shall submit to the General Chairman a statement (certified as the General Chairman shall direct) of all accounts under his or their control.

Section 5. The duties of the General Property Custodian shall be to provide for the safe custody of all documents remitted to him and to sell Proceedings or publications as directed. All copies of the Proceedings remaining in surplus in the hands of the past Secretary-Treasurer two years after the conclusion of each Congress shall be forwarded by him to the General Property Custodian for storage and sale. Receipts from the sale of the Proceedings or other publications shall be credited to the funds of the Society as held by the Trustee or Trustees. Records and material of Standing Committees shall also be placed in the hands of the General Property Custodian, or at least a duplicate copy shall be placed there for reference and safe keeping.

Section 6. Standing Committees for various purposes may be appointed by the Executive and Administrative Committees and by the Congress. These committees shall make their reports to each Congress and place copies of their records or findings in the hands of the General Property Custodian. Chairmen of such committees shall remain in office until replaced by the Administrative Committee, but if any chairman is unable to attend a Congress he shall notify the General Secretary-Treasurer of his temporary substitute for that Congress. It shall also be the duty of the Chairmen of Standing Committees to assist in the program arrangements and presentations at any Congress drawn up by the Organizing Committee as outlined in Section 7 below. These Committees are not to be confused with Committees on similar subjects set up under Section 7 of this Article for a particular Congress.

Section 7. There shall be an Organizing Committee for each Congress whose duty shall be to make all necessary arrangements for the Congress and any tours, exhibits or other requirements. They shall have the assistance of the General Secretary-Treasurer in setting up and carrying on their work. It shall be their responsibility to designate the type of program and subjects to be covered. This they may do by setting up various committees and appointing various members to handle the program and present discussions on equipment, procedures or research in the sugar industry. It shall be their duty to decide on how the program of papers or tours shall be divided to cover the best interests of the membership. This Organizing Committee shall be appointed by the host regional division membership with the General Secretary-Treasurer as an ex-officio member. The size of this Committee shall be determined by the regional division membership. Should there be a non-host-country Congress, the Organizing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Progress reports on the organization and work of this Committee should be transmitted to the next Organizing Committee for their guidance and help
through the General Secretary-Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this Organizing Committee through its sub-committee to see that all arrangements for the Congress Proceedings are carried out as rapidly and economically as possible. A complete record shall be kept of their procedure and a copy of the same forwarded to the next Organizing Committee for guidance.

ARTICLE VI — DUES, LISTS OF MEMBERS, ETC.

Section 1. (Amended). The dues shall be 50.00 dollars US currency or as determined from time to time by the Administrative Committee per member, for the period from the termination of one regular meeting to the termination of the subsequent regular meeting, or in the case of new or re-instated members, for the uncompleted portion of such period. Dues shall be payable to the Vice-Chairman of the regional division, who shall forthwith remit them to the General Secretary-Treasurer. Members not in regional divisions may send their dues direct to the General Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The General Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a list showing the names and addresses of all persons who were paid-up members at the time of such regular meeting, together with the names and addresses of the Regional Vice-Chairmen and publish them in the Proceedings of the Congress.

Section 3. The sale price of the Proceedings to non-members shall be at twice the dues. Members may secure extra copies at the same price as dues. The proceeds of sales of Proceedings to non-members shall be to the account of the General Property Custodian.

Section 4. There shall be no acceptance of dues for a Congress after the first three days of that Congress.

ARTICLE VII — MEETINGS

Section 1. A Congress shall be held as far as practicable every three years. The place of meeting shall be decided by vote of the Society at the previous regular meeting. In case of differences among members concerning the meeting place, the matter shall be put to the vote of the members by the General Chairman or presiding officer; the selection of the subsequent meeting place shall be determined by a plurality of votes of qualified voters present and voting. Voting shall be in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 2. If through unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances it is not practicable to carry out the provisions of Article VIII, Section 1, at the time of the regular meeting of the Society, an Interim Committee of six members shall be appointed (elected) by the Administrative Committee with full power to act in selecting the next place of meeting, the decision to be made as soon as practicable after the last regular meeting of the Society.

Section 3. In the event of failure to carry out the provisions of Article VII, Section 1, at the time of a regular meeting, procedures of the Society usually predicated upon a definite choice of the next meeting place, including election of the general officers and remission of the statement of the General Secretary-Treasurer, a General Chairman, who shall be Chairman of the Interim Committee, shall be elected by the Society in the usual way indicated in Article IV, Section 3, but the General Vice-Chairman and General Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the Interim Committee immediately after selection of the next meeting place, and the General Secretary-Treasurer shall remit to his
successor the statement of receipts and expenditures mentioned in Article IV, Section 10, within twelve months of election of his successors and prior to the next general meeting.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called at any time by any one of the officers if authorized by the Executive Committee. Society business, however, shall be transacted only at regular meetings and authorization given officers and committees to carry out the dictates of the Society.

Section 5. The General Secretary-Treasurer shall notify members of the proceedings of the regular meetings and such other activities as may occur.

ARTICLE VIII — VOTING

Section 1. In any country with a recognized regional division of the ISSCT which regional division may be the local sugarcane technologists' association (as provided under Article III, Section 2), the only individuals qualified to vote for the election of the Regional Vice-Chairman for that Country shall be those who were paid up members of the ISSCT at the preceding ISSCT Congress.

Section 2. Voting at a regular meeting shall be restricted to paid-up members provided that not more than five members of each regional division shall be qualified to vote and provided further that not more than five paid-up members from any country in which a regional division has not been formed shall be qualified to vote. In the event of the number of delegates to a Congress from a regional division or an unorganized area exceeding five, the Vice-Chairman or delegation leader of such regional division shall determine who shall vote and shall submit their names in writing to the General Secretary-Treasurer prior to the regular meeting of the Congress.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDING

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the qualified voters present and voting.