

## Geospatial Education Society Constitution

### 1. NAME

1.1. The Name of the Society is “Geospatial Education Society”, hereinafter referred to as “the GES”.

### 2. REGISTERED ADDRESS

2.1. The registered address of the GES is:

The Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Or any other address as the GES may prescribe from time to time.

### 3. INTERPRETATIONS

For the purposes of this Constitution, the following terms will be assigned with the broad meaning:  
“Educators” refers to people associated with the education industry, including but not limited to teachers, lecturers, professors, tutors etc...

“Geospatial Education” refers to the education of Geospatial concepts through tuition.

“GIT” refers to Geospatial Information Technology.

“Officer” refers to the position of President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

### 4. OBJECT

4.1. The object of the GES is to facilitate the advancement of education in the Geospatial industry.

4.2. The specific objects of the GES are:

- (a) To facilitate communication between Educators and interested parties of Geospatial Education; and
- (b) To examine new developments in GIT and how it affects teaching; and
- (c) To enable discussion of educational challenges met by Educators in Geospatial Education; and
- (d) To provide support to Educators in overcoming their educational challenges.

4.3. To achieve this, the GES may:

- (a) Collate and disseminate information relating to Geospatial Education; and
- (b) Organize meetings, seminars and forums in regards to Geospatial Education; and
- (c) Encourage collaboration and exchange with other societies, whose objects are, altogether or in part, similar to those of the GES; and
- (d) Organize such other activities that are incidental to the objects of the GES.

### 5. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

The GES is a not-for-profit organization.

### 6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1. Membership to the GES is opened to the public whose interests are in common with the Objects of the GES.

6.2. The GES will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

6.3. All applications to membership of the GES shall be in writing to the GES Honorary Secretary.

6.4. Membership to the GES may be terminated by the following ways:

- (a) By written withdrawal from the Member to the GES Honorary Secretary; or
- (b) By behavior which is not acceptable or tends to bring the GES into dispute; or
- (c) By Council, through voting with two-thirds majority, where members have acted detrimentally to the objects of the GES.

6.5. There shall be no entrance fee for Membership of the GES. Annual subscription fees for Members are such sum as shall from time to time be fixed by the Council.

6.6. Members of the GES are eligible to:

- (a) Nominate and stand for election into the Council; and
- (b) Vote for members into the Council; and
- (c) Propose agenda in General Meetings; and
- (d) Attend and participate in General Meetings; and
- (e) Attend events organized by GES; and
- (f) Propose events to GES.

## 7. MANAGEMENT

7.1. The affairs of the GES shall be managed by a Council.

(a) The Council consists of:

- i. The President; and
- ii. The Honorary Secretary; and
- iii. The Honorary Treasurer; and
- iv. Other members as appropriate.

(b) The Council has the power to:

- i. Control and manage affairs and concerns of GES; and
- ii. Appoint Officers as it shall in its discretion deemed necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Objects of the GES; and
- iii. Remove Members considered to have acted detrimentally towards the Objects of the GES; and
- iv. Arrange business and conducts of the GES to the furtherance of the Objects; and
- v. Set up committees and/or call for meeting, whenever necessary, to manage special activities of the GES; and
- vi. To use its discretion in deciding on any question or matter not expressly provided for in this constitution.

(c) The office of a Council Member shall be vacated if he/she:

- i. Ceases to be a Member of the GES; or
- ii. Resigns by notice in writing to the Council; or
- iii. Dismissed from office by resolution at a General Meeting by two-thirds majority.

(d) From the formation of the GES until the first General Meeting, a Provisional Council shall be comprised of its founding Members. The Provisional Council shall conduct the business of the GES until the first General Meeting in which the Council shall be elected. The Provisional Council shall be dissolved immediately after the formation of the Council.

7.2. The President of the GES shall also be the Chairman of the Council and hold office as Officer of GES.

(a) The President shall:

- i. Be nominated by at least ONE Member of the GES; and
  - ii. Have been an Officer of the Council for at least ONE term; and
  - iii. Be elected through the General Meeting.
- (b) The President has the power to:
- i. Appoint Members into the Council; and
  - ii. Appoint Officers for the GES; and
  - iii. Call General Meetings; and
  - iv. Elect for removal of Members considered to have acted detrimentally towards the Objects of the GES.
- (c) The office of the President shall be vacated if he/she:
- i. Ceases to be a Member of the GES; or
  - ii. Resigns by notice in writing; or
  - iii. Dismissed from office by resolution at General Meeting by two-thirds majority.

7.3. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office as Officers of GES.

- (a) He/She shall:
- i. Have been a Member for at least ONE year; and
  - ii. Be elected through the General Meeting.
- (b) The office of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be vacated if he/she:
- i. Ceases to be a Member of the GES; or
  - ii. Resigns by notice in writing; or
  - iii. Dismissed from office by resolution at General Meeting by two-thirds majority.

## 8. FINANCE

- 8.1. Financial year of the GES shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April each year and terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March in the following year.
- 8.2. The GES shall be a non-profit making society, it may not generate income to redistribute to its Members as profit.
- 8.3. To promote its objects, the GES shall raise and accept money through subscriptions, donations and other activities, including but not limited to meetings and sale of publications.
- 8.4. The Honorary Treasurer shall ensure that the annual financial records of the GES are audited and shall present a statement of the annual audited accounts at the Annual General Meeting.

## 9. MEETINGS

- 9.1. All business of the GES shall be transacted at the General Meetings which shall be called by the Officers. The General Meetings shall be deemed to be in effect once a quorum is present.
- 9.2. The quorum for any General Meeting shall be the Council and one-fifth of the Members of the GES.
- 9.3. The Honorary Secretary shall give at least FOURTEEN days' notice for all General Meetings to all members. Such a notice shall state the agenda, specific day, time and place of meeting.

- 9.4. Members with submissions or alterations for the agenda of the General Meetings are to be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary within SEVEN days of receiving notice from the Honorary Secretary.
- 9.5. Annual General Meeting shall be held once every financial year for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report of the Council, including but not limited to last fiscal year's account and report of activities during the past year, and electing of Members to the Council.
- 9.6. Notice of Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing at least TWENTY-ONE days in advance to all Members. Such a notice shall state the agenda, specific day, time and place of meeting.
- 9.7. In the case of absence from the President in any of the meetings, Council members present shall elect an interim chairman to preside over that meeting.
- 9.8. Decisions within the General Meetings are to be made by consensus or vote of majority.
- 9.9. In case of equivalence of vote, the President or interim chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

#### 10. CONSTITUTION

- 10.1. A copy of the Constitution will be made accessible to all Members at any time.
- 10.2. Upon entering Membership into the GES, he/she shall receive a copy of the Constitution.
- 10.3. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution may only be permitted by a three-fourths majority vote during a General Meeting.
- 10.4. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution must be notified in writing within 30 days of resolution to all Members.

#### 11. DISSOLUTION

- 11.1. The GES may be dissolved by resolution through a General Meeting specifically convened for the purpose by not less than three-fourths of total Members.
- 11.2. In the event of the GES being dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the GES shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds, if any, shall not be paid or distributed among the Members, but all be given or transferred to some other Institution, Association or Society to be determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution.