



ΠΑΜΙΒΙΑ
UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

CONSTITUTION OF THE LAND AND
PROPERTY SCIENCES STUDENT SOCIETY.

λόγος

LOGOS

Principle of order and knowledge. - The logic behind an argument.

Preamble.

The Land and Property Sciences Student Society from the Namibia University of Science and Technology realizes the moral responsibility we have as citizens' of Namibia, to improve the plights of our people in land related matters. As academics we pledge to use our acquired knowledge and capacities to this resolve in honor of the sacrifices made by our nation which have afforded us the opportunity to aspire to be academics.

“Proactive and pragmatic service to the nation through logical arguments and supportive evidence for African Advancement.”

“Huduma inayofaa na ya kimapenzi kwa taifa kwa njia ya mantiki na ushahidi wa kuunga mkono maendeleo ya Afrika.”

“Proaktiver und pragmatischer Dienst für die Nation durch logische Argumente und unterstützende Beweise für die afrikanische Entwicklung.”

“Proaktiewe en pragmatiese diens aan die nasie deur logiese argumente en ondersteunende bewyse vir Afrika-bevordering.”

Article I – Name.

The name of this Society shall be the Land and Property Sciences Student Society. (LPSSS)

Article II -- Purpose and Objectives.

The purpose of this Society is:

1. Develop and keep up the novel assemblage of scholarship particular to land administration best practices, standards, property sciences, related advances and development,
2. Encourage the correspondence and utilization of this information on and off campus,
3. Advance the progression of and cater for the best advantages of the Department of Land and Property Sciences understudies, by encouraging sociability among understudies, instructors and the department overall by methods of open talks, braais, outings, and foreign exchange and connections with global Universities,
4. Promote arrangements and methodology which guarantee the prescribed procedures in to best practices in land administration, property sciences, related technology and innovation in a worldwide point of view,
5. Encourage elevated requirements for proficient execution of land, property science and related innovative experts and go about as the expert association for people who meet these measures,
6. Foster training programs at all levels of land organization standards, property sciences and their innovations and further the nature of such projects,
7. Cultivate and energize working relations with different experts among recruiting organizations, understudies, personnel, staff and associates of the Society,
8. Speak to all understudies in all programs in the Department of Land and Property Sciences and go about as a voice for the interests, sentiments, and worries of that understudy body of the Department of Land and Property Sciences,
9. Represent the calling out in the public policy development,

The assets of this Society will be committed to the quest for science, and will, under dissolution of the Society, be circulated to at least one logical or expert associations devoted to best practices in land administration, property sciences and related technology.

Article III – Membership.

Section 1. Membership will comprise of expert individuals, awarded alumni/honorary and understudy individuals.

Section 2. A professional member shall:

- a) hold a bachelor’s degree from an Namibian University of Science and Technology -accredited program; or
- b) hold a bachelors or higher degree, or the equivalent, from a qualifying college or university within a discipline related to land administration, property sciences, related technology what's more, have met the instruction or experience prerequisites determined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. An alumni/honorary member shall:

- a) Comply with Section 2 of Article III,
- b) be distinguished among their peers for constructive contributions to society that display leadership, responsibility and expertise in field their of endeavor related to Land and Property Sciences,
- c) have demonstrated a commitment to community involvement through an interest in bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts,
- d) be a graduate who has demonstrated a continuing interest in and support of Namibia University of Science and Technology and or the Department of Land and Property Sciences through contribution of time, talent and/or resources,

Section 4. A student member shall be an undergrad or graduate understudy in a qualified school, college, or logical school as determined in the Bylaws.

Section 5. Membership will not be contingent on any person’s sex, race, religion, economic background, or sexual preference.

Article IV -- Dues.

Dues shall be assessed annually as prescribed by the bylaws.

Article V – Officers.

Section 1. The governing body shall be an Executive Board consisting of president, president-elect/vice president, secretary-treasurer, past president, and two directors.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the Society. It is empowered to promote the objectives of the Society by receiving and administering grants and cooperating with other organizations, agencies, and individuals and to act on all other matters for which specific provision is not made in the constitution and bylaws.

Section 3. The Executive Board is empowered to establish such standing committees as needed to conduct the affairs of the Society.

Section 4. The president is authorized to appoint such ad hoc committees as needed.

Section 5. The secretary-treasurer is empowered to collect dues as specified in the bylaws.

Section 6. The initiator of the society shall be 1 of the 2 directors as well as an honorary member/alumni and shall be associated with the society for the duration of their natural life or upon resignation and appointment of their successor with the approval of the elected executive board. In addition this member shall not be subject to Article VI of the constitution.

Section 7. Honorary members/alumni shall carry out duties as set out by the Society Bylaws.

Article VI – Elections.

Section 1. Officers of the Society, with the exception of secretary-treasurer, shall be elected annually in accordance with the provisions of the following sections. The secretary-treasurer shall be appointed annually by the executive board.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by a presidential appointed committee consisting of three members not holding office. At least two members shall be placed in nomination for each office to be filled by the election.

Section 3. Nominations for officers may also be made by petition signed by 10 voting members.

Section 4. Election will be conducted by letter ballot sent to all voting members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Balloting will be closed 30 days after ballots are mailed.

Section 5. The nominee for each office receiving a plurality of votes cast for the office shall be elected. In the event of a tie in any office, the Executive Board will resolve the tie, by a majority vote. Elected officers shall assume the duties of their office at the close of business of the annual meeting following their election, except as stated in Section 8.

Section 6. The immediate past president shall be a member of the Executive Board without election.

Section 7. The president shall hold office for 1 year and shall not succeed to a second term.

Section 8. The president-elect shall be advanced to president without election. Similarly, the vice-president shall be advanced to president-elect without election.

Section 9. If the presidency is vacated, the duties of the president shall be performed by the president-elect, who will advance to the presidency in the normal manner at the end of the term as president-elect.

Section 10. If the office of president-elect is vacated, the duties of the president-elect shall be performed by the vice-president, who will advance to the presidency without election at the end of the term as vice-president. A president-elect and a vice-president will be elected at the next election. If the office of vice-president is vacated, it shall remain vacant until the next election, at which time both a president-elect and a vice-president will be elected.

Section 11. If a vacancy occurs in any other office, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor to complete the term of office.

Section 12. Three of the four directors shall be elected for 2-year terms and these terms shall be staggered so that two new directors are elected annually.

Section 13. No member shall hold two elective offices simultaneously.

Article VII – Meetings.

The Society shall meet annually at such time and place as determined by the Executive Board.

Article VIII – Amendments.

Section 1. Proposed amendments to the constitution may be submitted to the Executive Board by petition of at least 10 percent of the voting members or they may be initiated by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall distribute the proposed constitutional amendment among the members at least 30 days prior to the beginning of an annual meeting, at which the proposal shall be approved, modified, or disapproved.

Section 3. The amendment as approved at the meeting shall be submitted to the voting members for letter ballot within 30 days after the meeting and shall be adopted if approved by a majority of members voting within 30 days.

Article IX – Bylaws.

Section 1. Such bylaws as are required for the orderly conduct of business may be proposed by any member of the board.

Section 2. Deletions of, or amendments to, existing bylaws may be proposed by any member of the board.

Section 3. Suggestions of bylaw changes made by any voting member shall be considered by the board.

Section 4. Adoption of, or amendments to, bylaws may be ratified by either (1) a majority of members at an annual meeting or of votes cast in a mail ballot, or (2) by a majority of Executive Board members.

Article X -- Fiscal Year and Financial Records.

Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 2. The financial records of the secretary-treasurer shall be audited by a committee appointed by the president prior to each annual meeting and a summary statement thereof shall be submitted to the membership.

Article XI -- Adoption of the Constitution.

Listed below would be the adoptions/amendments made to the constitution:

Article XII – Committees.

Section 1. The establishment of local committees of the Society is encouraged in order to assist the parent organization to further the purpose and objectives embodied in Article II.

Section 2. Any group of fully accredited members can form a committees of the Society upon approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3. A chair, elected for 1 year, shall head each committees. Other officers may be elected if the committees members so desire.

Section 4. Committees shall not make statements of policy. This right is reserved for the parent organization. They shall, however, be empowered to recommend policy to the Executive Board.