

## **Statutes RC 55 Social Indicators**

Revisions and amendments accepted during business meeting at ISA Congress 2010, Gothenburg, July 12, 2010.

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### **ARTICLE ONE: PURPOSES**

The Research Committee 55 ‘Social Indicators’ (formerly Working Group 6) is a Research Committee within the International Sociological Association, and fully subscribes to the principles and the spirit of the Association. The primary purpose of the Research Committee on Social Indicators (RC 55) is to advance research and scholarly communication in the field of social indicators in a broad sense.

### **ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP**

There are two categories of members: 1. Regular members are members in good standing according to ISA standards, 2. Associate members are members, who participate in the RC's activities but are not formal individual ISA members. Only members in good standing of the International Sociological Association may be voting members and officials of the Research Committee. Membership fees are set at business meetings held during ISA Congresses. Fees are payable to the ISA-Secretariat.

### **ARTICLE THREE: OBJECTIVES**

Scientific meetings of the Research Committee are held during Congresses of the International Sociological Association, and at other times. The Research Committee is supposed to hold a mid-term conference between World Congresses. The Research Committee may also participate in other activities related to social indicators research and other modes of exchange. The newsletter of the Research Committee – SINET – are to be published at least biannually.

### **ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS**

The Research Committee will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter editor, plus 5 other members to serve on an Executive Board. All these officers serve a 4 year term. The President shall be a delegate to the Research Council and other relevant official ISA bodies, and designate an alternate to these bodies. President and Executive Board are jointly responsible for coordinating the program of the Research Committee at ISA Congresses.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall report the RC's financial affairs to members at least at every World Congress

### **ARTICLE FIVE: ELECTIONS**

The President will appoint a Nominations Committee to recommend candidates for various positions. Other members of the Research Committee may submit nominations. Elections are binding if fifty-one percent of Research Committee members support a candidate. If fewer

votes are received, names of the top two candidates for each position are sent to members of the Research Committee in a 90-day mail ballot.

In case those vacancies in the Executive Board arise between elections, the President in consultation with the remaining board members will fill the positions until the end of the term. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the members of the Executive Board shall select an interim officer until the end of the uncompleted term, should it be necessary to fill the office. A President who is not carrying out their presidential responsibilities may be replaced by the Vice President for the remaining term of office.

#### **ARTICLE SIX: RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Relations with other organizations may be established by the President of the Research Committee in consent with the Executive Board as is deemed useful, or necessary in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Research Committee.

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN: CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES**

Changes and amendments to the Statutes may be made at the business meeting to be held every four years during ISA Congresses, and must be passed with a two thirds majority of the meeting.

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