

Australian Materials Research Society

STATUTES

I. Description and Objectives

A. General:

The Australian Materials Research Society (referred to as AMRS throughout this document) was established in 1988 as the Australian Adhering Body to the International Union of Materials Research Societies (referred to as IUMRS throughout this document). AMRS is not a society in its own right but an umbrella body that connects to the materials science and engineering research community in Australia through members of relevant professional societies or networks with a strong interest in materials science and engineering. AMRS has strong links to the Australian Academy of Science's National Committee for Materials Science and Engineering (NCMSE) which also has some roles and committee membership in common with AMRS. Consistent with the aims of IUMRS, both AMRS and NCMSE seek to promote interdisciplinary materials research and education in Australia, provide a network of connections to the Australian materials community with a particular focus on early- to mid-career (EMCR) researchers, and encourage the running of interdisciplinary jointly-sponsored materials meetings and conferences, including international meetings sponsored by IUMRS. The term Executive Committee, as employed in these Statutes, is defined by Articles III.A and III.B, respectively.

B. The objectives of AMRS are:

1. To facilitate national cooperation among materials research societies, networks and organizations in Australia.
2. To contribute to the advancement of materials science and engineering research in all its aspects.
3. To advance the multidisciplinary nature of materials research.
4. To promote information exchange among national societies, networks and organisations with interests in interdisciplinary materials research, and to work to help coordinate their activities.
5. To promote broad communication of materials research activities in partnership with the NCMSE.
6. To promote networking opportunities for EMCRs including the running of specific EMCR events and mentoring.
7. To coordinate, develop, promote and encourage national conferences, workshops and outreach activities, in collaboration with the NCMSE.
8. To promote materials science and engineering education.
9. To provide international links, through its Adhering Body relationship with IUMRS, to coordinate, develop, promote and encourage international conferences, workshops and outreach activities.

C. AMRS shall have the power:

1. To participate in organizing and endorsing appropriate materials research meetings and related events such as workshops, summer schools, topical meetings, and outreach activities on subjects falling within the purview of AMRS.
2. To create Commissions and other Sub-committees or Working Groups for specific tasks.
3. To develop strong links with IUMRS and similar appropriate international organizations in materials science and engineering.
4. To participate in joint activities with scientific bodies in matters of interest to AMRS.
5. To engage in professional advocacy in partnership with the NCMSE relating to issues of public policy in which the AMRS materials community members have relevant expertise or concerns.

II. Membership

A. General

AMRS does not have individual membership but has links through the NCMSE to the materials science and engineering community in Australia whose individuals are members of Australian materials societies, networks and organisations who are resident in Australia.

B. Rights and Duties of Member Organisations (Professional Societies and Networks)

1. Each Member Organisation is responsible for its own internal structure and organization.
2. Each Member Organisation is responsible for and free to determine its own activities and is expected to give AMRS effective prior notice in a timely way of its scientific meetings, workshops, summer schools, and other scheduled programs that may be of interest to the materials science and engineering research community in Australia.
3. Each Member Organisation is connected to AMRS through the members of the NCMSE who have the responsibility for communicating with specific materials-relevant societies, networks and organisations.
4. A Member Organisation must, in the course of time, advise the NCMSE Secretary of any significant change in its purpose, structure or profile, that may alter its interaction with NCMSE and AMRS.

III. Structure and Organization

The work of AMRS shall be conducted through an AMRS Executive Committee composed of the officers of AMRS plus any (non-voting) members co-opted to the committee or its commissions for specific purposes.

A. Executive Committee Meetings

1. The Executive Committee is the highest authority of AMRS and is composed of officers nominated by the Committee Chair (President) in consultation with the NCMSE, associated societies, networks and organisations.

2. The Executive Committee shall:
 - a. determine appropriate professional societies, networks, organisations and other National Committees of the Australian Academy of Science that are appropriate as affiliated organisations of AMRS (other than the NCMSE which is per se intimately connected to AMRS);
 - b. elect the officers who comprise the Executive Committee; and
 - c. determine the number of Executive Committee members required to represent the broad interests of Australian material science and engineering research and education.
3. The Executive Committee shall have the power:
 - a. to amend these Statutes and to formulate and amend Bylaws on any matters not covered by the Statutes;
 - b. to establish any sub-committee, official position or representative that it may deem necessary for the work of AMRS;
 - c. to dissolve any sub-committee, official position or representative appointment previously established when it is no longer deemed necessary;
 - d. to terminate links with any affiliated society, network or organisation when it is deemed that they no longer serve the interests of AMRS.
4. Executive Committee Meetings and Procedures are as follows.
 - a. The Executive Committee meetings will be held at least biannually with at least one face-to-face meeting which will be termed the Annual General Meeting of AMRS.
 - b. The Executive Committee Annual General Meeting will normally be held at the site and time of the face-to-face NCMSE annual meeting. A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be the participation or representation by proxy of two-thirds of the committee members.
 - b. The meetings of the Executive Committee will be conducted to follow an agreed agenda and chaired by the President.

B. Executive Committee Membership and Commissions

1. The Executive Committee officers of AMRS are composed of (a) the President, (b) the Vice President, (c) the Secretary, (d) the EMCR commission chair, (e) the education commission chair, (f) the meeting commission chair, and (g) the Past President. Other ad hoc commission or subcommittee representatives (or chairs) may serve as non-voting, *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee from time to time.
2. The term of office bearers (including the President, Vice President and Past President) is normally two years but can be extended to a maximum of another two year term.
3. The Vice President is elected by the Executive Committee and automatically becomes the President when his/her term as Vice President is completed, and becomes Past President when his/her term as President is completed.
4. Officers must be members of the Australian materials science and engineering research community and resident in Australia.
5. The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing and managing the activities of AMRS in conformity with the spirit and letter of these Statutes, as well as implementing the Bylaws and resolutions enacted at the Annual General Meeting. The President or his/her designee presides over all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Annual General

Meeting. The Secretary or his/her representative is responsible for taking minutes of all Executive Committee and Annual General Meetings. Interim meetings and voting (including by electronic means) can be called by the President as needs arise.

6. The Executive Committee is responsible for the establishment and oversight of Commissions, Sub-committees and Working Groups which have specific functions integral to the work of AMRS. Such Commissions, Sub-committees and Working Groups are responsible to the Executive Committee.

7. The Executive Committee is responsible for appointing chairpersons (and members of) Commissions, Sub-committees and Working Groups.

8. The President and Secretary are responsible for preparing an agenda for the Annual General Meeting, Executive Committee Meetings and other ad hoc meetings,

9. The Executive Committee is empowered to endorse applications for AMRS sponsorship of scientific meetings, workshops, or other activities relevant to the interests of AMRS.

10. The President is the official spokesperson for AMRS. Any proposed public policy statements to be issued formally on behalf of AMRS must first be approved by the Executive Committee.

C. Commissions and Sub-committees

1. Commissions and sub-committees or other bodies can be created by the Executive Committee for specific tasks and they are responsible to the Executive Committee for carrying out those tasks.

2. The chairperson and members of Commissions, Sub-committees and Working Groups are appointed by the Executive Committee.

3. The chairperson is responsible for reporting the activities of the Commission, Sub-committee or Working Group to the Executive Committee.

4. A Commission, Sub-committee or Working Groups shall be sustained as long as it continues to serve an appropriate function for AMRS. A Commission, Sub-committee or Working Group may be dissolved by action of the Executive Committee if it no longer serves the needs of AMRS.

IV. Dissolution of AMRS

AMRS shall not be dissolved except on a motion presented at the Annual General Meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of Executive Committee officers, whether or not participating, is required for dissolution.

V. Amendments to the Statutes

Amendments to the Statutes can be made by the Annual General Meeting. A two-thirds majority of Executive Committee officers participating in the meeting, whether directly or by proxy, is required for adoption.

VI. Bylaws

The Annual General Meeting may enact and subsequently amend, by a two-thirds majority of the votes of Executive Committee officers participating in the meeting, whether directly or by proxy, regulations or bylaws to administer AMRS.

VII. Legal Forms, Duration, Domicile, Language, Seat

A. AMRS is organized under the name Australian Materials Research Society. It is governed by these Statutes.

B. The duration of AMRS is not limited.

C. The legal domicile of AMRS is Canberra, ACT, Australia. A change in legal domicile must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes of Executive Committee members, whether or not participating in the meeting where the question arises.

D. The Seat of AMRS shall be the place of domicile of AMRS.

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