



# International Servite Schools' Network

The proper name of this organization is:

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERVITE SCHOOLS' NETWORK (ISSN).**

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## ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of the ISSN is to:

1. Provide a forum for dialogue, collaboration and interaction among educational institutes owned, sponsored or inspired by the Servite Order
2. Oversee the planning and implementation of regular conferences to sustain dialogue among its members
3. Provide a structure for the management of common projects, shared endeavors and joint fund raising and development activity.

This association exists as a voluntary and free will association for the benefit of its members and does not have or claim jurisdiction or governance over any of the member institutes. It shall not interfere with the operation or maintenance of any member institute. It shall not decree, enact or promulgate any decisions in conflict with the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, the Constitutions, Rule or proper law of any congregation within the Order of Servants of Mary or the civil laws of the jurisdictions in which the member schools are located.

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP OF THE ISSN

### Ex Officio Membership (2)

A representative of the Prior General designated by the Order and a representative of the women's Congregations. The religious Sister must work in a school or be responsible for the school(s) of her Congregation and will be responsible to all the Congregations who mission her for this role. Ex Officio members are none voting members.

There will be four other classes of membership of the ISSN.

1 Full Membership: Any school or group of schools owned and operated by the Order of Servants of Mary and/or its affiliated religious congregations may become a Full Member. Such schools are under direct governance or sponsorship by the friars and/or sisters of the Servite Order.

2 Associate Membership: Individual members of the Servite Order who are dedicated to or involved in works of education may become Associate Members. These individuals may or may not work within institutions or apostolates under direct governance by an entity of the Servite Order.

3 Affiliate Membership: Schools/individuals which are not directly owned or governed by an entity of the Order, but wish to share in the spirituality and charism of the Servite tradition may become Affiliate Members. Affiliate members may be granted full membership by the Council. These include:

- a. Parochial, private or diocesan schools in which Servite religious administer, teach or minister
- b. Parochial schools in parishes entrusted to the Servite Friars.
- c. Schools dedicated under that patronage, title or inspiration of Servite heritage (Saints, titles of Our Lady or traditional Servite nomenclature.)

4 Honorary membership:

- a. Honorary members are designated, in relation to services rendered to the ISSN, by a majority vote of the Council. Honorary members do not have voting rights.
- b. Patrons are financial benefactors of the ISSN whose contribution is significant. Patron's status is determined by the Council. Patrons do not have voting rights.

#### Business Meeting.

This will take place at the time of the I.S.S.N. Conference.. The Business Meeting is composed of no more than three (3) members from each full member school or group of schools although only full members can vote. Each establishment has the right to one (1) voice for any vote.

#### Admission:

To belong to the ISSN, a member must be accepted by the Council

#### Exclusion:

Membership ceases at:

- 1 the withdrawal of the member
- 2 the dissolution of the school
- 3 the rejection pronounced by the Council for a serious cause or a non-payment of membership fees. The interested person will be invited to appeal against the decision.

#### Sponsorship/ Donations:

Donations from a patron or organisation must be in agreement with the spirit of the Order.

### **ARTICLE 111 - STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL**

#### Administration:

The ISSN is directed by the Council. The Council is elected by the membership present at the Business Meeting for a term of three (3) years and can be re-elected for one more term. The Council shall consist of at least five (5) voting members and no more than nine (9).

Once elected the Council determines the following offices:

1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Conference Secretary
6. + 1 other member (if elected)
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8. Ex Officio (A representative of the Prior General)

9 Ex Officio (A representative of the Women's Congregations)

The Council will be renewed at each Conference. In case of a vacancy, the Council can temporarily replace a member.

The Council meets at least once a year. A budget for the tri-annual conference will be approved by the Council.

Normally a member of the Council shall attend the UNIFAS Conference to represent the ISSN.

These Constitutions can be changed at the Business Meeting by a 2/3rds majority of voting members present at that meeting. Any change of constitutions requires 2 months notice.

### **Glossary of Terms**

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Business Meeting The meeting of full members to

- i. determine changes in Constitutions
- ii. elect the new Council
- iii. to set the direction for the next tri-annual Conference.

Only those members attending the Conference as full members have voting rights. Whilst up to 3 members of schools or group of schools may attend a business meeting , only 1 may cast a vote.

Council The elected Executive Committee of the ISSN

UNIFAS The Conference represents the tri-annual meeting of the total Servite Family