BYLAWS
The Supervisory Board (SVB) of IFCSS
(July 24th, 1997)

1. A Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson are elected by a simple majority of the SVB. The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson have the same voting power as any of the other members.

2. The responsibilities of the Chairperson in the SVB are to convene and coordinate meetings of the SVB, and to act as the spokesperson of the SVB. The Chairperson must convene a non-regular SVB meeting if it is the motion of two or more members of the SVB. The responsibilities of the Deputy Chairperson are to act as the secretary of SVB meetings, and to resume the responsibilities of the Chairperson when the Chairperson is absent.

3. In general, a resolution or judgment is passed based on simple majority rule within the SVB, except when a recall or impeachment of an IFCSS official is involved. In that case, any resolution can only be passed according to the procedures prescribed in the IFCSS Constitutions and Bylaws.

4. The SVB sends at least one of its members to audit each IFCSS Council meeting. The SVB reserves the privilege to audit any IFCSS Working Committee’s meeting. Each member of the SVB may read the records of the Council meetings, and meetings of other IFCSS working bodies.

5. The SVB adopts the principle of “Presumed Innocence” in its judicious processes (see details in the RESOLUTION 90-10 passed by the SVB in January 27th, 1991). The SVB shall only accept the cases which are formally presented to the SVB by the eligible legal entity or entities within the IFCSS (defined in the aforementioned RESOLUTION). Under no circumstances shall the SVB establish a case without a formal plaintiff (or prosecutor), nor formally accept any anonymous complaints.

6. Any member of the SVB may make a judgment on a case when the case is presented to her/him. However, such a judgment can become an official one to be released to the IFCSS public if and only if all members of the SVB are approached and informed by possible means such that a valid vote upon the case can be cast within the SVB.

7. In case one SVB member is a party involved in a case objects, then the SVB member involved in the case should be excused from his/her duty as a SVB member during the process of making judgment upon the case, i.e., he/she cannot exercise his/her privileges to participate the SVB meeting and to vote upon the case within the SVB. However, in case two or more SVB members are involved in a case, then none of these SVB members’ privileges within the SVB will be affected by the case, i.e., they will retain their privileges to participate the SVB meeting and to vote upon the case within the SVB.

8. The official resolutions and judgments of the SVB should be made available to the IFCSS public immediately after they are made. The cases and resolutions with important implications should be discussed and resolved by meetings of all SVB members.
9. In case any one of the SVB members cannot exercise his/her duty as a SVB member, or shall be absent due to any reasons, for more than a week (five working days), by all possible means he/she should inform the SVB Chairperson (or other designated SVB members) in one week advance under a normal circumstance.

10. If a member of the SVB is absent from the SVB meeting more than twice without informing the Chairperson or other designated member(s) of the SVB, and does not give any acceptable explanation, and cannot be contacted by possible means beyond two months, then the SVB shall make a recommendation to revoke his/her membership of the SVB and to seek an alternate SVB member as a replacement.

11. The reimbursement for each SVB member’s working expenses should not exceed $30 per month on average. Reimbursement beyond $30 for some extraordinary expenses must be discussed and approved by a SVB meeting.

12. Each term of the SVB must transfer its official documents to the next term in time.

13. Revision of these bylaws can be made only if it is agreed upon by four or more of the SVB members.