

**International Society for Knowledge Organization
Canada/United States Chapter (ISKO-C/US)**

Bylaws

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I. Preamble

In accord with the preamble of the International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) it is the declared purpose of ISKO-Canada/United States (also known as ISKO Canada/United States Chapter) to provide cooperative collaborative opportunities for scholars in Canada and the United States who are devoted to the advancement of the organization of knowledge according to conceptual points of view. Therefore the Chapter exists to promote research and development in the region.

II. Charter

Article 1: Name of the Chapter

The Chapter bears the official name “International Society for Knowledge Organization Canada/United States Chapter.” The Chapter also is known as “ISKO-Canada/United States” or simply “ISKO-C/US.”

Article 2: Not For Profit

The Chapter is organized in Illinois in the United States of America as a not for profit society under section 501C3 of the tax code of the United States. Activities are solely for the promotion of scholarship culture and education in the field of knowledge organization.

Article 3: Membership

Membership in the Chapter is primarily conferred to members of the International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) who reside in or are employed by institutions in Canada and the United States of America. Membership in the Chapter is only by dues paid to ISKO.

Article 4: Officers

The officers of the Chapter constitute an executive committee of three. These are: President, Treasurer, and Program Officer. Officers are to be elected at the General Assembly held in conjunction with the biennial North American Symposium on Knowledge Organization (NASKO).

Article 5: Committees

The Chapter will have one standing committee, the Conference Planning Committee. The Chapter's Program Officer is the chairperson of this committee. Members of the Committee (up to five in total but not fewer than three) are appointed by the Chapter Executive Committee following each NASKO biennial.

Article 6: The General Assembly

The General Assembly of members of the Chapter is to be held in conjunction with each biennial NASKO. The General Assembly will be chaired by a chairperson elected at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes will be kept by a secretary elected at the beginning of the meeting. The General Assembly constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present. Elections and resolutions will be passed by a simple majority.

Article 7: Finances

The Finances of the Chapter will be kept by the Treasurer and reported at each biennial General Assembly.

The Financial Year is the Calendar Year.

Two categories of funds are held by the Chapter; these are **Dues** and **Conference fees**. **Dues** for membership in ISKO will be collected by the Chapter's Treasurer each January and forwarded to the Secretary of ISKO. Additional fees may be charged members for attendance at the biennial NASKO. Attendees at NASKO may be offered the opportunity to become members by also paying ISKO dues.

Article 8: Amendment of the Bylaws, Dissolution of the Chapter

The Bylaws may be amended and the Chapter may be dissolved by majority vote of the General Assembly.

In the event of dissolution, after payment of all debts any financial means and publications remaining should be made available to ISKO's General Secretariat.