



LICENSING EXECUTIVES SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL

Membership Committee Proposal

**Re: (1) Membership structure,
(2) Individual LESI membership, and
(3) Way of operation of LESI or local LES
conference/meeting using AI-based
translating device/software**

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Item 1 for Discussion

1. A plan to change the membership structure:

Although there is no need to change its By-Laws, LESI may modify the membership structure of Member Society to have group membership so that:

Each Member Society (LES Society) MAY have group membership at its discretion, in addition to membership for natural persons.

**LESI consists of Member Societies,
(Member Societies: 33 LES Societies)
while Member Society (=LES Society) consists of
natural persons (individual members).**

LES International is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, ***consisting of organizations of natural persons*** for one or more countries ("Member Societies") (By-Laws-Article I, Section 1)

The membership of LES International is composed of all Member Societies which have been admitted to membership. (By-Laws-Article II, Section 1)

Membership in any of the Member Societies shall be limited to natural persons who engage or have engaged in or otherwise have substantial activities related to intellectual property and/or business dealings with and related to intellectual property, " " (By-Laws-Article II, Section 2) ²

Item 1 for Discussion (continued)

- 1. A plan to change the membership structure:
Each Member Society (LES Society) MAY have group membership at its discretion, in addition to membership for natural persons.**

[Expectation]

Group membership may:

- **contribute to increase membership**
- **facilitate sponsorship**
- **make such group's membership management easier**

[Precondition]

- (1) Approval by each Member Society adopting group membership**
- (2) The Member Society pays LESI annual dues for the corresponding number of natural persons (individual members) in the group**
- (3) Not permitted to include natural person (individual member) of the other Member Society (but may be permitted under arrangement between the Member Societies involved)**
- (4) The Member Society which adopts group membership shall annually make detailed report to LESI which include;**
 - (i) monthly data of number of groups and persons (individual members) included,**
 - (ii) names of persons (individual members) in the group for LESI membership directory,**
 - (iii) financial status of the Member Society,**
 - and (iv) the drawback observed by introducing group membership**

Section 1(a) Each Member Society shall pay annual dues to LES International as established by the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Delegates. Dues shall be based on the number of members of the Member Society as of December 31 of each calendar year according to the directory of members on the LESI website or a written list of members supplied to the LESI Treasurer or secretariat by a Member Society as of December 31

Section 1(d) Subject to Section 1(b) of this Article IX, each Member Society shall fix its own dues structure for its members and handle its own finances. (By-Laws-Article IX)

Membership Lists – By-Laws

LES International shall cause to be maintained a current roster of the members of Member Societies and shall have power to specify and control the uses thereof. However, each Member Society shall have power to specify and control the uses of its own separate roster of its own members.

(Article XIII)

Item 2 for Discussion

2. A plan to create LESI individual membership:

[Expectation]

LESI individual membership may:

- **facilitate to access educational opportunity of natural person (individual member) of Member Society to seminar or webinar organized by other Member Society or LESI**

[Precondition]

- (1) available to any person (individual member) of each Member Society who is listed in the LESI Membership Directory**
- (2) entitled to participate in seminar or webinar which is organized;**
by LESI or regional Member Societies (*except for LESI Annual Conference or LESI Regional Conference*), **OR**
by any other Member Society (*except such Member Society's Annual Meeting*)
- (3) organizer may, at its discretion, accept fee arrangement as below and receive;**
 - (i) one-time nominal fee (for example, \$20 USD) for attending such seminar or webinar, or**
 - (ii) an annual fee (for example \$100 USD) for attending any such seminar or webinar, without additional charge for**
the calendar year

Item 3 for Discussion

3. A plan to organize and operate LESI or Member Society's conference/meeting using AI-based translating device/software: (OPTIONAL)

[Forecast]

- **AI-based translating device/software will be upgraded day-by-day, especially in accuracy of translation in any professional area such as intellectual property in a few years**
- **Such device will become a requisite for an international association to stimulate its activities among members of the association such as conference, meeting or the like, which will eventually contribute to increase membership**

Three Steps using AI-based translating device/software

[Step 1]

LESI conference/meeting organizer provides all speakers/panelists who do not make their speeches in English with AI-based translating device/software so that their speeches are translated into English.

--- This step will increase possibility in inviting outstanding speakers/panelists who may not well speak or understand English but have excellent knowledge and speaking capability in language other than English for LESI conference/meeting.

Three Steps using AI-based translating device/software

[Step 2]

AI-based translation device/software is provided at every LESI conference/meeting to each attending individual member whose Member Society's official language is not English and who has hesitated to attend such conference/meeting due to language problem, and who wants to use such device/software at the conference/meeting so that such individual member can translate speech of the speaker/panelist into his/her own language by relying on such device/software. (LESI may ask such individual member a certain amount of deposit for renting the device).

--- This step may drastically increase the number of registrants globally for conference or meeting, which will eventually contribute to the increase of LES membership.

Three Steps using AI-based translating device/software

[Step 3]

LESI conference/meeting organizer uses AI-based device/software at every virtual or on-site conference/meeting so that any speech by speaker, panelist or attendee is automatically translated verbally or in the form of subtitles on the screen of the presentation into another language different from that spoken by speaker, panelist or attendee, desirably at the choice of the attendee.

- - - This step may drastically increase the number of registrants globally for conference or meeting, which will eventually contribute to the competitiveness of LES family as well as to increase of LES membership.

Item 4 for Discussion

1. How LESI By-Laws may be amended to realize the plan to change the membership structure?

Each Member Society (LES Society) MAY have group membership at its discretion, in addition to membership for natural persons.

[Draft amendment]

- *LES International is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, consisting of organizations of natural persons **and optionally institution** for one or more countries ("Member Societies")*
(By-Laws Article I, Section 1)
- *Membership in any of the Member Societies shall be limited to natural persons who engage or have engaged in or otherwise have substantial activities related to intellectual property and/or business dealings with and related to intellectual property, including domestic and international licensing of intellectual property rights and transfer of technology. Honorary membership may be awarded by the Member Societies to those who have significantly contributed to the activities of the Member Society. **Notwithstanding the above, any of the Member Societies may have group membership in its membership structure.***
(By-Laws Article II, Section 2)

Item 4 for Discussion (continued)

1. How LESI By-Laws may be amended to realize the plan to change the membership structure? (continued)

[Draft amendment]

- *Each Member Society shall pay annual dues to LES International as established by the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Delegates. Dues shall be based on the number of members of the Member Society as of December 31 of each calendar year according to the directory of members on the LESI website or a written list of members supplied to the LESI Treasurer or secretariat by a Member Society as of December 31. Absent a written list of members received by LESI on or before December 31, LESI shall be entitled to rely on the directory of members on the LESI website. For the purpose of the number of members of a Member Society on which dues to LESI shall be based as above, the Member Society which adopts group membership in its membership structure shall include all natural persons who belong to such group membership.*

(By-Laws Article IX, Section 1(a))

Item 5 for Discussion

1. How LESI By-Laws may be amended to realize the plan to create LESI individual membership?

[Draft amendment]

- *LES International is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, consisting of ;*
(i) organizations of natural persons and optionally institution for one or more countries ("Member Societies") and
(ii) natural persons accepted as LESI individual members by LESI who are members of any Member Societies and listed in the LESI Membership Directory.

(By-Laws Article I, Section 1)



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Thank you.
Questions?

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