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## Proposed Membership Regulation of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

At the Special General Meeting of the International Society of City and Regional Planners last October – held during the World Planning Congress in Bodø, Norway – members instructed the Board to prepare new regulations on membership.

Amongst its many measures, the proposed membership regulation establishes a single flat fee for all members. The proposed annual membership fee is €54.

When the Board met on 8 February 2019, it adopted the following regulation, for consideration by members.

A vote on adopting the regulation will be held in April 2019.

Image: Central Jakarta, host city for the 2019 World Planning Congress of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

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## Regulation 2019/01: Individual membership

### 1. Individual members

#### **Individual members make up the society.**

- Individual members can stand for election and can vote at general meetings, in person or online.
- Each member pays the same membership fee.
- If there are concessions and discounts (see below) they are based on a single flat membership fee.

#### **Everyone professionally involved in city and regional planning is encouraged to join the society.**

- The society offers every city and regional planner an opportunity to join with the city and regional planners of the world in a membership association, to communicate with and support each other, and to promote the practice of city and regional planning.
- The society offers recognition of professional status, and opportunities for career advancement and networking through conferences, publications, planning practice and service to the society.
- Through their society, the members may contribute to and participate in international institutions and initiatives.
- Through their society, the members develop open networks, resources and digital platforms to create and share knowledge for better cities.

### 2. Individual membership admission policy

#### **The standard for acceptance as a member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners is that the applicant has the education and/or experience to practice city and regional planning and housing as a professional planner, administrator, policy maker, urban advocate, developer, teacher, or researcher.**

- An applicant for membership of the society must show, through evidence and/or recommendation, that they have the education and/or experience to practice city and regional planning.
- For the purposes of this regulation, city and regional planning requires comprehensive, integrated, strategic action for the future, whether practiced at scales from single sites to multinational regions, whether relating to immediate intervention through to long term policies, and whether focused on physical, organisational, social, economic or environmental outcomes.
- An applicant meets the standard for membership if they can show that they are eligible for membership of the association or institute for professional planners in the applicant's country of residence or in the country where the applicant practices planning.
- The decision on an application for membership is made by the Board.
- Without diminishing its power to determine membership applications, the Board may assign this power to the Executive Committee and/or a member of the Board.

### 3. Individual membership fees

**The fee for individual membership of the International Society of City and Regional Planners is €54 per annum. The Board is authorised to adjust the fee for any following year, provided that any increase is limited to an increase in the fee of ten per cent.**

- The membership fee is due in June of each year, for the following financial year.
- For approved applications submitted between 1 January and 30 March, the membership fee is reduced by 50%.
- For approved applications submitted after 1 April, membership begins immediately and continues until 30 June of the following year.
- Members are encouraged to authorise a continuing automatic direct debit from their credit card, to be paid on 25 June each year.
- Alternatively, the fee for three years is €140, the fee for five years is €220, and the fee for life membership is €760. The Board is authorised to adjust these fees for the following year, provided that any increase is limited to an increase in the fee of ten per cent.
- Members who are two months in arrears are non-financial and will be ineligible to participate in general meetings and other membership activities of the society, and ineligible to vote in elections.
- The Board has the discretion to determine that in special circumstances a varied membership fee shall apply to certain individuals or certain groups of individual members.